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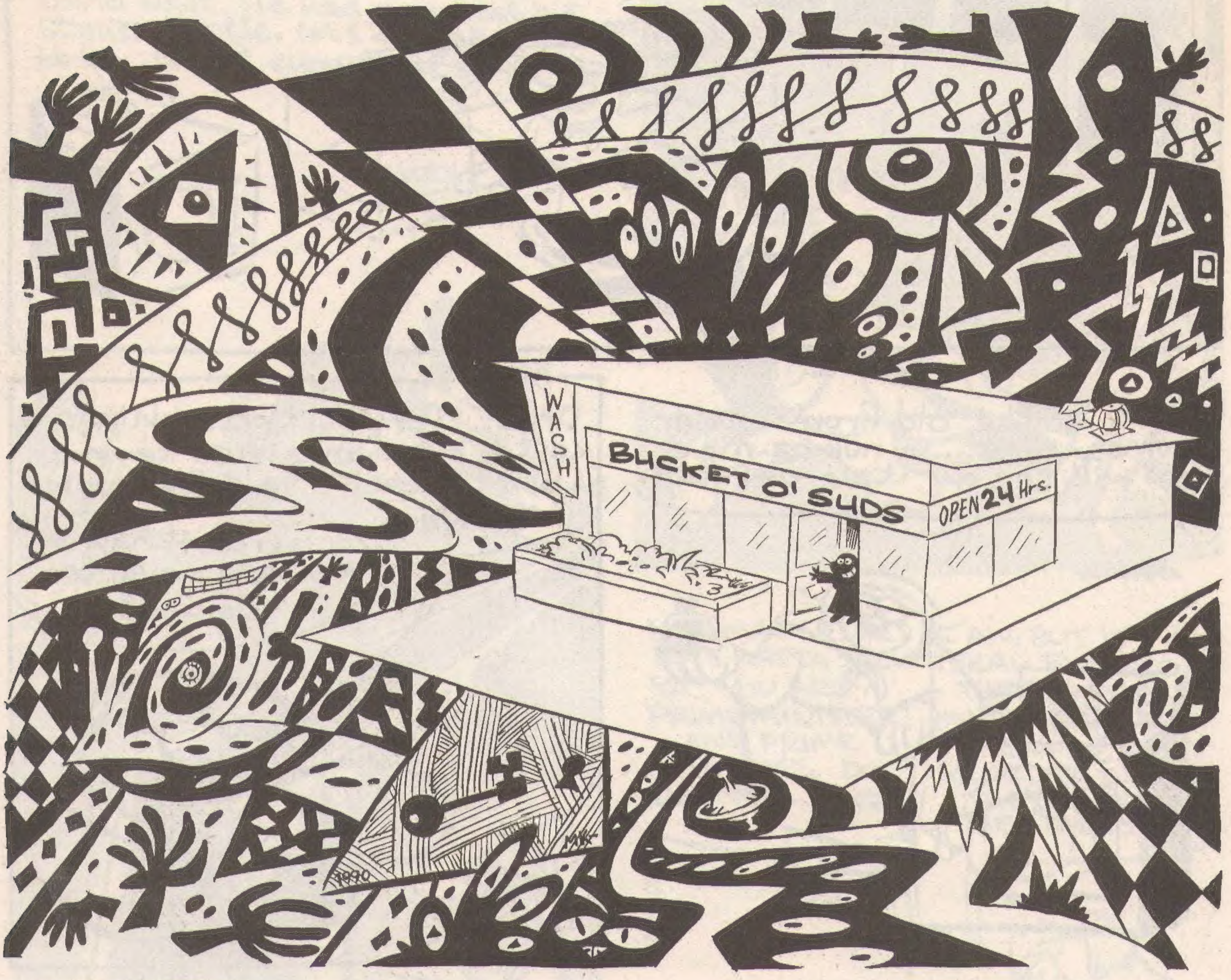
Somewhere in the outer reaches of the universe it lies. In the intergalactic millennium timelessness, lost in a wrinkle of the cosmic fabric, seen by few but experienced by many, yes, in that obscure corner of existence you'll find.....

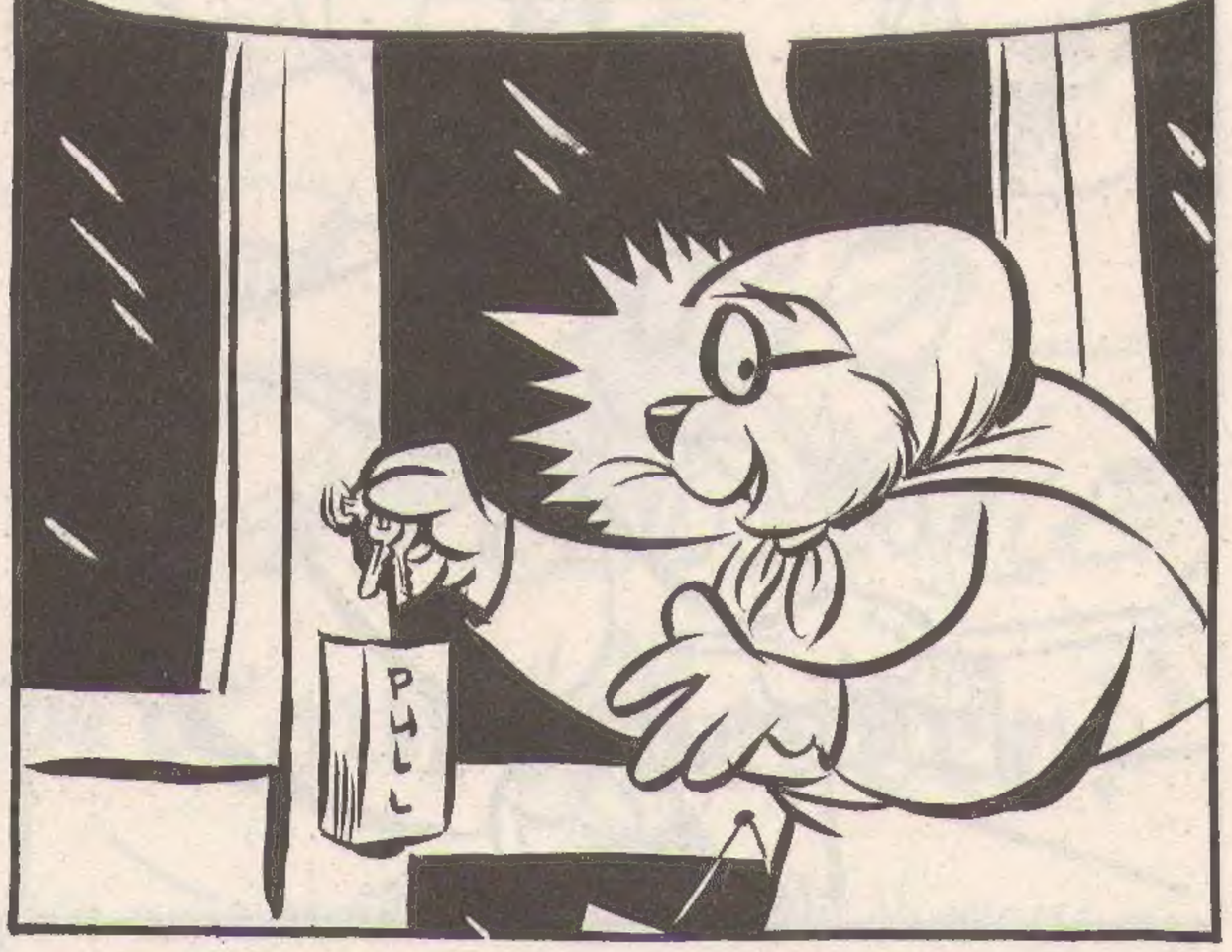
...the Laundromat at the edge of everything!

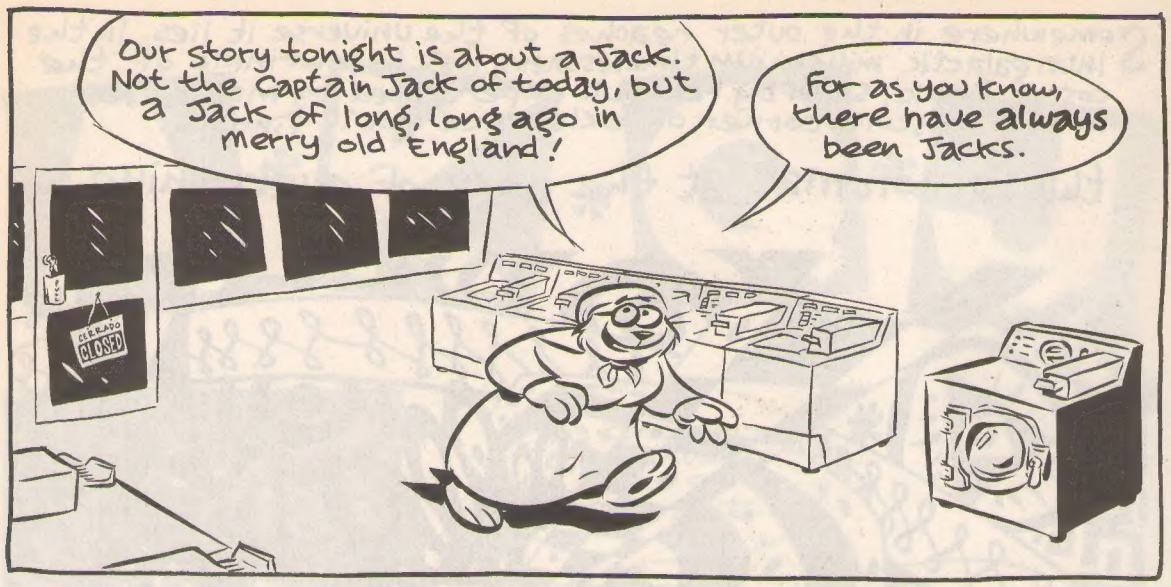


How do you do? I'm the proprietor, Wendy Washer, better known as "the leader of the laundromat!"*

*see "Anything Goes" #3~or an obscure 45'

And I suppose you've come to hear a story, hmmm? Fine, fine! Let me just bolt the door, here...

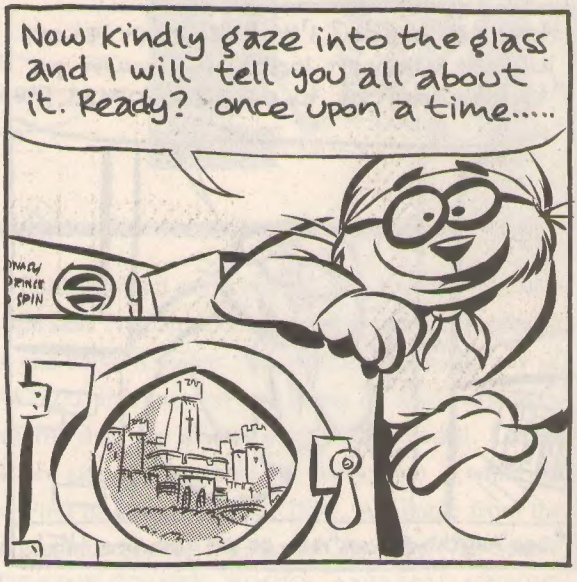



Our story tonight is about a Jack. Not the Captain Jack of today, but a Jack of long, long ago in merry old England!
For as you know, there have always been Jacks.
CLOSED

This is the old front-loader numba-nine....in numba-nine you will see our tale unfold!

Drat! I forgot these things cost a buck-anna-quarter now... I don't know if I've got enough change...
..you don't happen to have a quarter, do you?

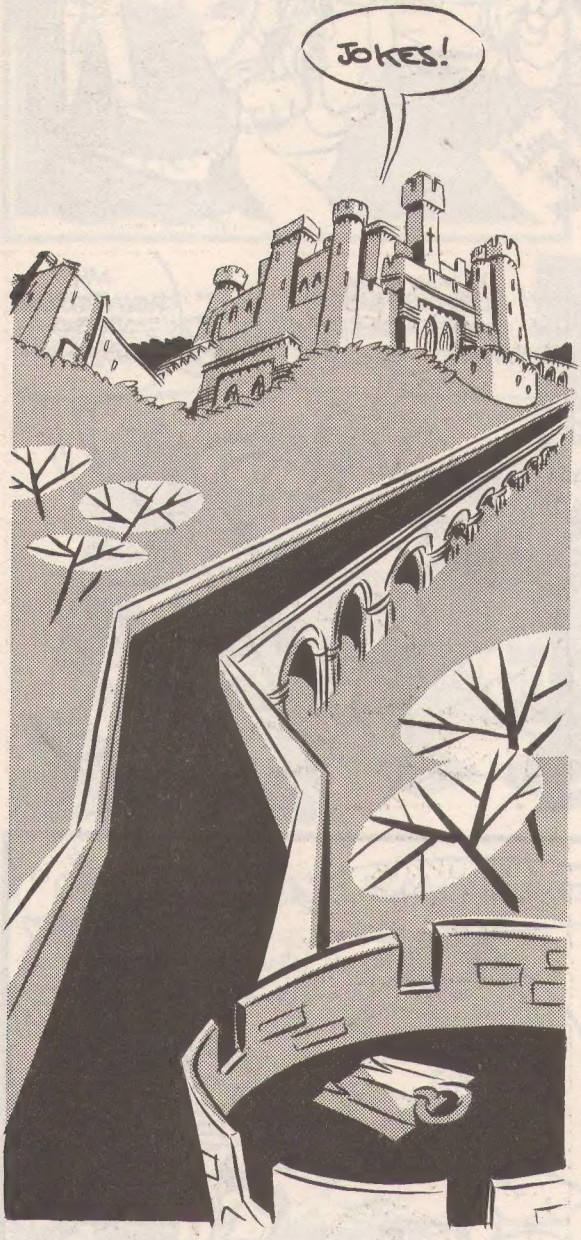
AH! never mind! I found one!
Here we go!
CLANK!


Now kindly gaze into the glass and I will tell you all about it. Ready? once upon a time.....

Once upon a time in the Kingdom of Zorch, there was a king....

...which is a nice thing to have in a kingdom.

His name was "Jack the Jovial" and he had everything a King could want. He had a modest but stylish castle, lots of fine peasants to tax, in fact, everything except...



"the Tavern Lass and the Court Jester!"

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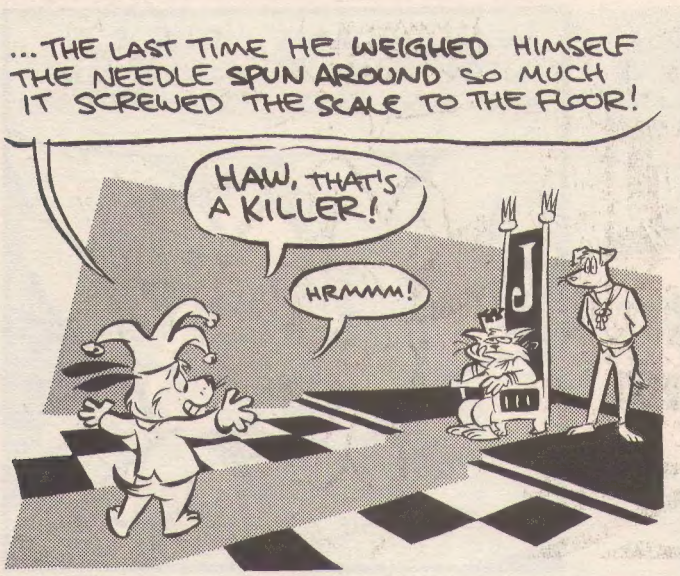
PRIME MINISTERS DON'T GO AROUND MAKING FOOLS OF THEMSELVES!
WHAT ABOUT MAGGIE?
FORGET IT, WILLYA JUST FORGET IT?!
ANYWAY, THIS IS A JOB FOR MY COURT JESTER!
BONG
AGGGG!
pull for jokes
YOU SENT FOR ME, SIRE?
YES, I WANT YOU TO MAKE MERRY....
...SO GET ON WITH IT, AWREDDY!
HMMMMM... LEMME SEE NOW... OH!
I KNOW!
MY HOMETOWN IS SO SMALL...
...WHEN THEY WANTED TO PAINT A WHITE STRIPE DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, THEY HAD TO WIDEN THE STREET!
HAW, HAW!
EH-HEH!
ER--UHHHHHHH....
..BUT Y'KNOW....

I WAS WALKIN' PAST A HARDWARE STORE WHEN I SAW A SIGN THAT SAID "CAST IRON SINKS....."
..I SAID EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT!
HAW, HAW!

MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S MOUTH IS SO BIG SHE CAN PLAY A TUBA AT BOTH ENDS!
BUT I WANNA TELLYA--!
MY BROTHER IS SO FAT...


...THE LAST TIME HE WEIGHED HIMSELF THE NEEDLE SPUN AROUND SO MUCH IT SCREWED THE SCALE TO THE FLOOR!
HAW, THAT'S A KILLER!
HRMMM!

ER--THIS WOMAN IN TIBET RUSHED HOME IN TIME TO SEE HER DINNER GOING UP IN SMOKE....
..AND SHE SAID...
..SHE SAID...

"OH, MY BAKING YAK!"
I KNOW.

I'M SICK OF THOSE STALE OLD JOKES! NEXT I SUPPOSE YOU'LL TELL THE ONE ABOUT THE RABBIT IN THE REFRIGERATOR!
GEE! I DON'T THINK I HEARD THAT ONE!

YOU DIDN'T? WELL, IT SEEMS THIS LADY OPENED UP HER 'FRIDGE ONE DAY AND FOUND A RABBIT ASLEEP INSIDE, SEE....?

..AND THE RABBIT, HE SAYS, "THIS IS A KELVINATOR"--

--UH, NO! WAIT!

SHE ASKS HIM WHAT HE'S DOIN' IN THERE, SEE? AND THEN HE SAYS "THIS IS A KELVINATOR"--NO, NOT A "KELVINATOR", A "WESTINGHOUSE!"

YEAH! HE SAYS, "THIS IS A WESTINGHOUSE, INNIT?" AND SHE SAYS, "YEAH." SO HE SAYS--

"WELL, I WAS JUST WESTING!"

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

..SO ANYWAY, THIS GUY COMES INTO THE RESTAURANT AND ORDERS AN ELEPHANT EAR ON A BUN....

NOW CUT THAT OUT!!

AND YOU---!

--YOU BETTER GET SOME NEW MATERIAL AND GET IT FAST, UNDERSTAND?!

YES, SIRE...

-YOU GIMME THAT CORNY OLD ROUTINE TOMORROW AND YOU'LL BE WOWIN''EM AT THE ROYAL UNEMPLOYMENT LINE BEFORE LUNCHTIME!

"AN ELEPHANT EAR ON A BUN, YOU SAY?" HE SAYS, "YEAH!"

"HE WAS SO DUMB.."

"HE GOT A VARSITY LETTER IN COLLEGE AND SOMEBODY HAD TO READ IT TO HIM....."

"..HE WAS SO DUMB...."

"..HE WAS SO DUMB...."

AW, HE'S DUMB, ALRIGHT! ONLY HE'S ME!

I CAN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING NEW!

AT LEAST NOT OUT OF THAT BOOK.

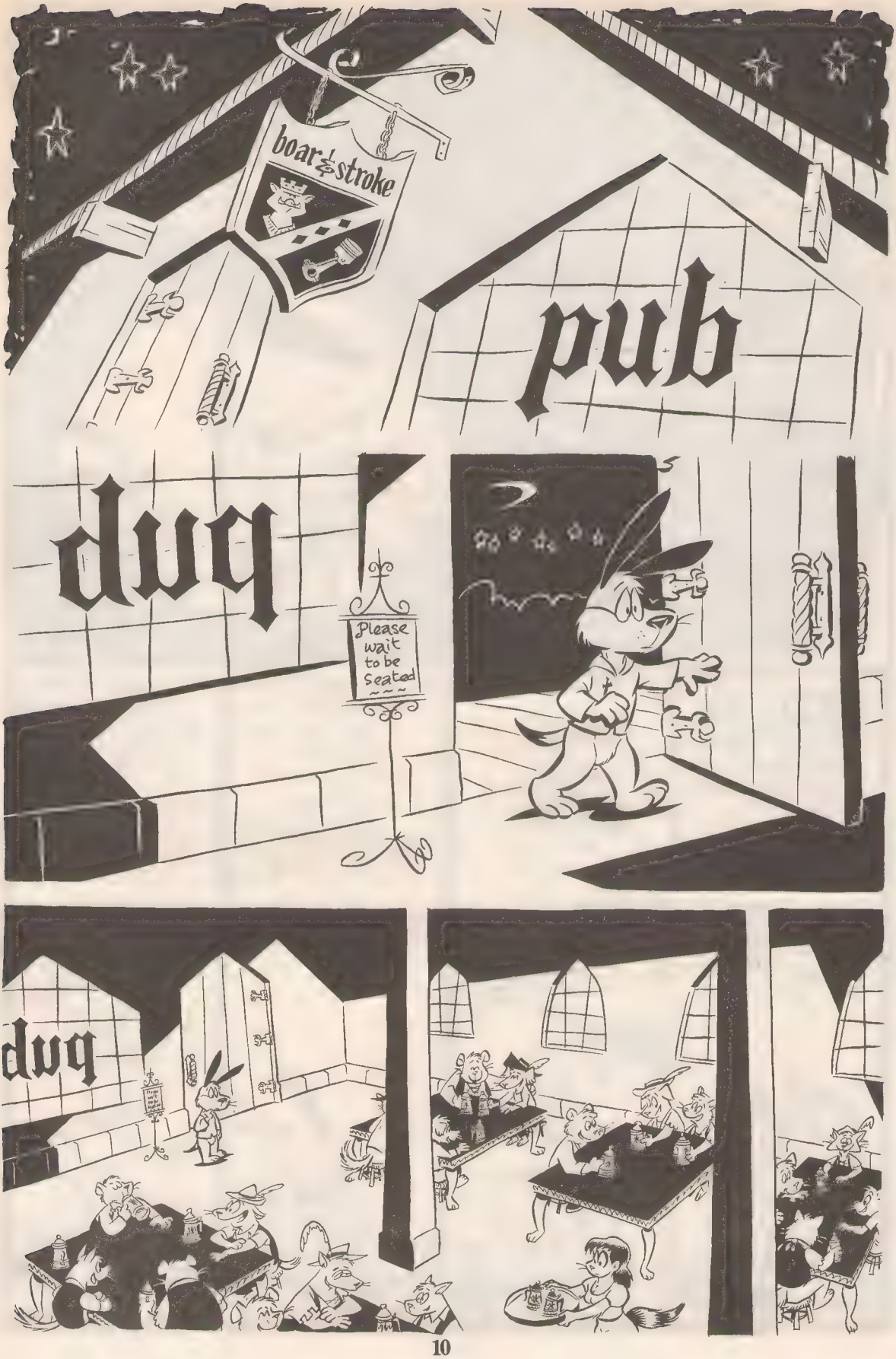
I'M DEPRESSED.

IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS I FEEL LIKE GETTING GOOD AND SLOSHED...

'CEPT I NEVER TOOK A DRINK BEFORE....

...COULDN'T STAND THE SMELL....

I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT, THOUGH, THE IDEA INTRIGUES ME....
..I THINK I GOT ENOUGH COIN FER A FEW ROUNDS OF STOUT ALE...
NO, WHAT AM I SAYING?! THAT'D BE GIVING UP! AND AN O'FELDMAN, NEVER GIVES UP!
I'LL COME UP WITH A ROUTINE THAT'LL SLAY 'EM! ALL I GOTTA DO IS USE MY HEAD!
NOW LET'S SEE... ...HMMMM.....
I GOT IT! THIS GUY GOES INTO A RESTAURANT, SEE? AND....
..AND...
..AND....
...AND...
...AND HE ORDERS AN ELEPHANT EAR ON A BUN.....
I SURE HOPE ALE TASTES BETTER THAN IT SMELLS...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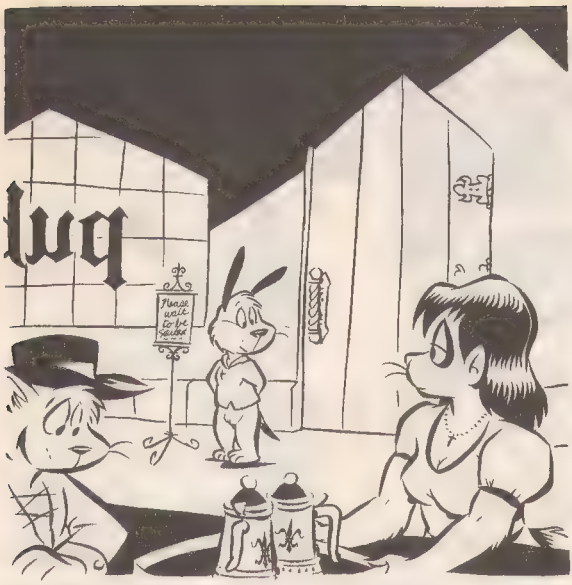
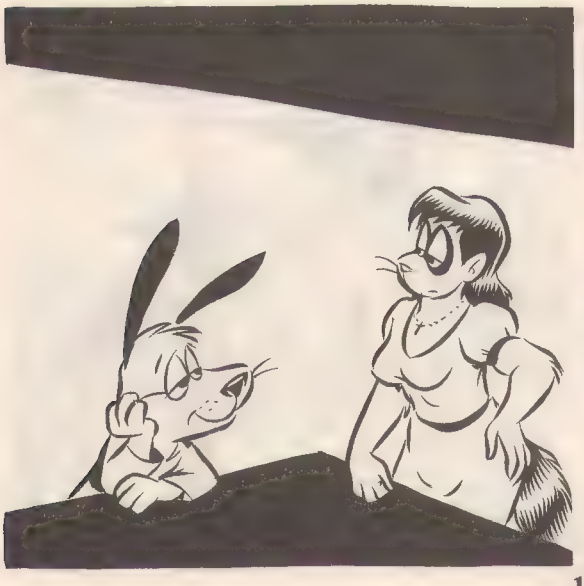


CAN I HELP YOU?
BUHHHH, YEAH. I WANNA TABLE.

YOU'RE IN LUCK...LAST TABLE IN THE HOUSE.

NOW, WHAT CAN I GET YA, SHORTY?



CAN-I-GET-YOU-ANY-THING ?

OH....UH, I'LL HAVE A PINT OF STOU-- UM, GINGER ALE, PLEASE.
A GINGER ALE.....?
ANYTHING ELSE?
I GUESS THAT'LL DO FOR NOW, MISS...
MACRINGTAIL... JANET MACRINGTAIL, I....UH, OH! HOLD ON... I GOTTA DO SUMPIN'....
SAY, AREN'T YOU GUYS THE TWIT BROTHERS?
WELL, YA FOUND US OUT!
Please Wait to be Seated
WE ARE THE TWIT BROTHERS! MANNY, MOE, AND ALPHONSE!
ALMOST FOOLED YA, HUH?!
YEAH, ALMOST. YOU KNOW THE BOSS DON'T WANT ME TO LET YOU TWO IN HERE!
WELL, YEAH, BUT..

NO BUTS! EVERYTIME YOU COME IN THINGS GET SMASHED!
BUT THAT'S WHY WE CAME HERE. WE WANNA GET SMASHED!
US TWO?

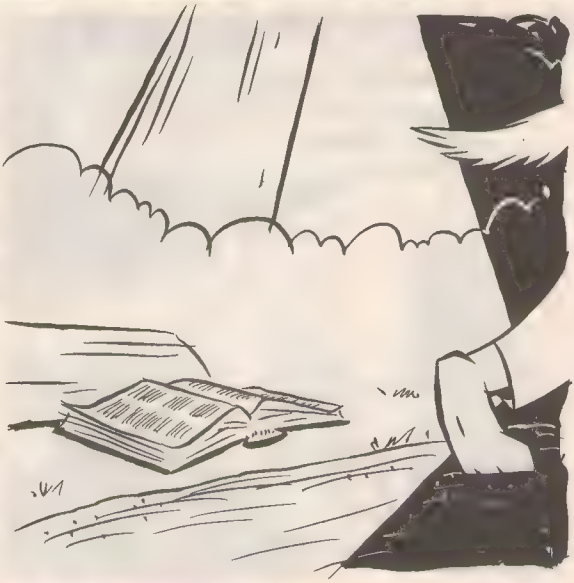
I'M TALKIN' ABOUT THE FURNITURE!!
OH, THAT...

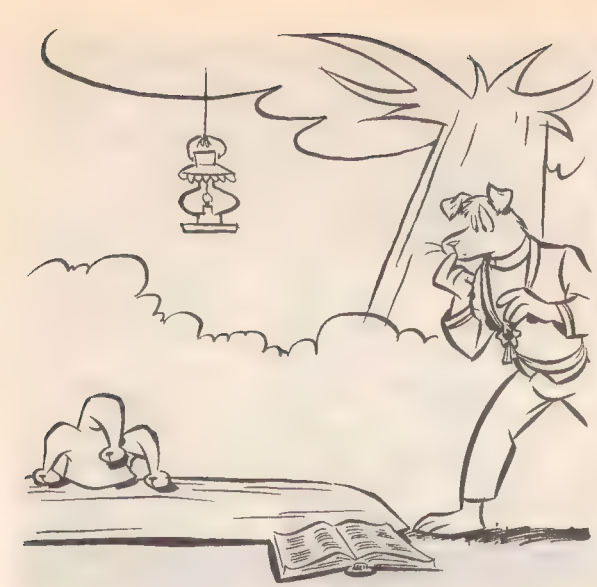
LOOK, I'M GONNA LET YOU HAVE ONE PINT EACH. THEN YOU GOTTA LEAVE, SAVVY?

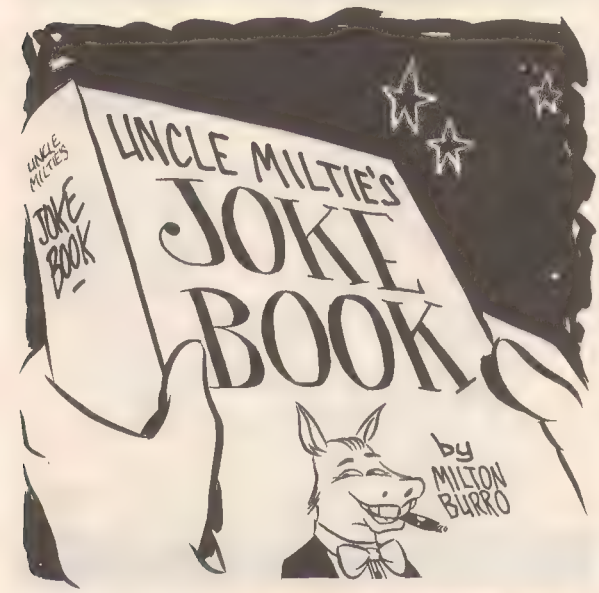
BUT IN THE MEANTIME, YOU GOTTA BEHAVE! I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS, BUT I NEVER COULD HOLD A GRUDGE VERY LONG....

I HATE TO DO THIS TO YOU, SHORTY, BUT IT'S CROWDED TONIGHT.... DO YOU MIND SHARING THE TABLE WITH THESE GENTLEMEN?
UMMMM... .. I GUESS NOT.....

WE'RE TWITS!
I CAN SEE THAT.






UNCLE MILTIE'S
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HERE IT IS- PAGE 728...
!! THE WAITER GOES INTO THE KITCHEN FOR A MINNIT AND THEN HE COMES OUT.!!

..."AND HE TELLS THE GUY, 'HERE'S YER £100, MAC. WE CAN'T GIVE YA NO ELEPHANT EAR ON A BUN..!"

ME AN' MY BROTHERS HERE, MOE AN' ALPHONSE WE COME HERE ALLA TIME TO GET SMASHED.
UH, YOU SURR YOU AIN'T HAD A FEW ALREADY?
MANNY AN' US...

AND SINCE WE'RE BIG, WE CAN HOLD A WHOLE LOTS OF STOUT!
HOW MUCH IS LOTS?
I WONDER IF IT'S TOO LATE TO GET MINE "TO-GO"!?

I'M GLAD I'M NOT LITTLE LIKE YOU 'COS IF I WAS, I COULDN'T HOLD A WHOLE LOTS OF STOUT. HOW MUCH STOUT YOU CAN HOLD? NOT LOTS, I BET, HUH?
=SNIF=

BAWWWWWWWWWW!!! I ALWAYS FEEL SORRY FOR TEENY-LITTLE GUYS LIKE YOU!
BAWW-WWW!!!
EXIT

HERE'S YER GINGER ALE.

GINGER ALE?!?
UH, YEAH. I DON'T DRINK ALE....

WHY?!?
I JUST NEVER FELT LIKE IT, OKAY?

I ALWAYS FEEL SORRY FOR TEENY-LITTLE GUYS WHO ARE ALSO CRAZY!
BAWWWWW!!!

BAWWWW-ERK!
FROOSH!!

WHAFFo YOU FROOSH US FO'?
BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE A COUPLE OF TWITS!!

SURELY! WE COME FROM A LONG LINE OF TWITS!

HERE YA GO... STRONGEST SWILL IN THE HOUSE. AFTER THIS, AM-SCRAY!

snif snif

PEE-YOO!-YOU GUYS GONNA DRINK THAT STUFF OR RUB IT ON YOUR CHEST?

SLAM!
SLAM!

LISTEN YOU! YOU CAN MAKE FUN OF ME... YOU CAN MAKE FUN OF MY MOM.... BUT DON'T NEVER MAKE FUN OF A MAN'S STOUT!!

SEE WHAT HAPPEN WHEN YOU GOT BAD BREEDING? NOT ONLY HE DON'T DRINK STOUT, HE RUDE, TOO!
WE TWITS DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO INSULTS, LITTLE MAN....
-one- -two-
-three- -four- -five- -six
..NOW WE GON' BASH YOU! WHATCHOO GOT T'SAY 'BOUT IT?
-seven- -eight- -nine-
TEN!
BOOF!
OW! THAT HURT.
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO.

IT WAS?! OH! UM, THEN WE'RE MAD AT YOU, RIGHT? WHERE WERE WE?

FISHING IN QUEBEC, WHADDA YA THINK?

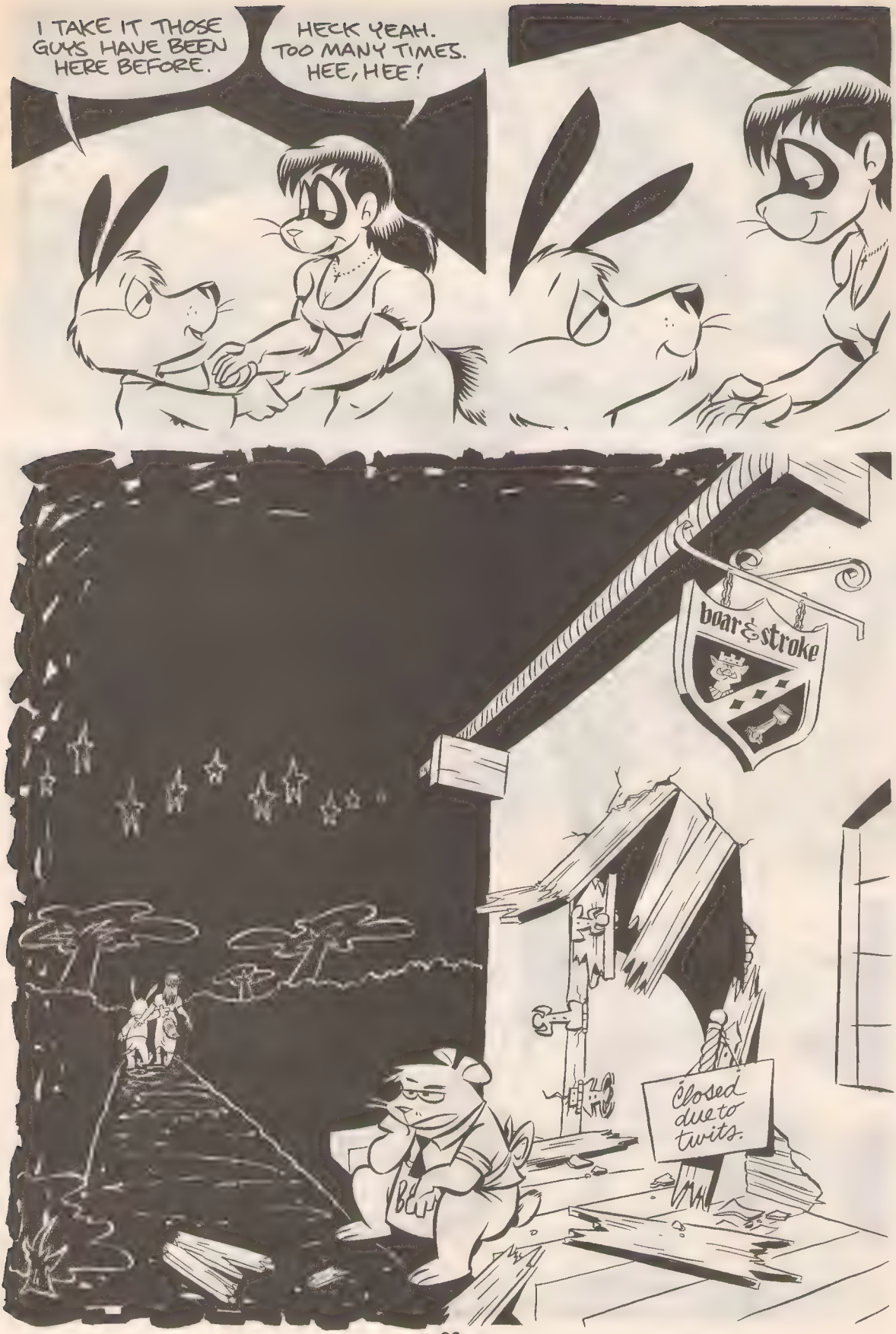
!

HEY, SHORTY! DUCK!

HUP!

Blong!!

Please wipe feet before entering
-YOU OKAY, SHORTY?
THE NAME'S HERMAN. YEAH, I'M FINE.
WE MIGHT AS WELL SHUT DOWN. EVERYBODY RAN AWAY AND THE PLACE IS A WRECK.
AGAIN.
BOSS


I TAKE IT THOSE GUYS HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE.
HECK YEAH. TOO MANY TIMES. HEE, HEE!
boar & stroke
closed due to twits.

I'M SORRY THAT MESS HAPPENED... I GUESS I GOOFED...
NAW... IT WORKED OUT OKAY, DINNIT?
YES AND NO.... THE PUB'LL BE SHUT DOWN FOR A MONTH.
OH, YEAH! HA, HA!
YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH, Y'KNOW THAT?
YOU BET YER FUR I'M TOUGH! I DON'T JUST PULL PINTS, I'M ALSO THE BOUNCER!

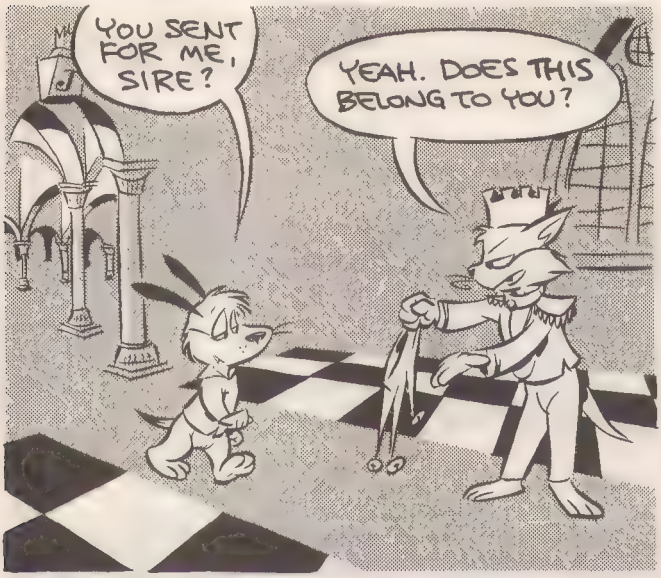
HA HA HA HA!
HA HA! HEE HEE!
JOKE BOOK
I'M SURE GLAD I CAME IN TONIGHT...
MMMM, HMMM?
YOU'RE VERY WONDERFUL. I'M GLAD WE MET.
I'M GLAD WE MET, TOO...

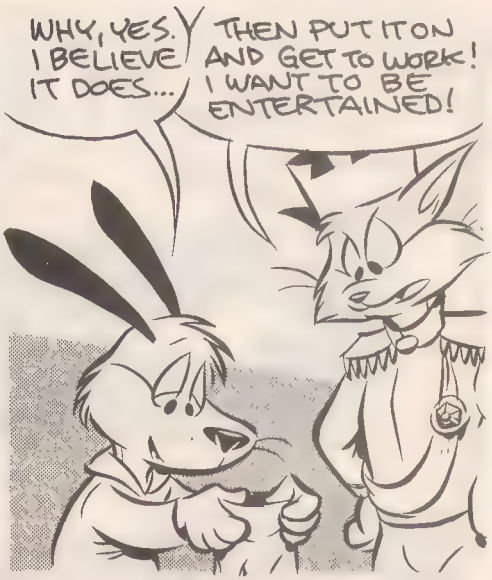
...VERY GLAD.

SO THE GUY SAYS, "WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU GOT NO ELEPHANT EARS...?"
HOW MANY TIMES DO I GOTTA TELLYA? KNOCK IT OFF WITH TH--
GOOD GRIEF!

YOU MORON! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WEARING THE JESTER'S HAT?!?

I....I JUST FOUND IT, SIRE!
SOMEBODY'S GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO YOU BET!
BONGGGGGAGAIN!!

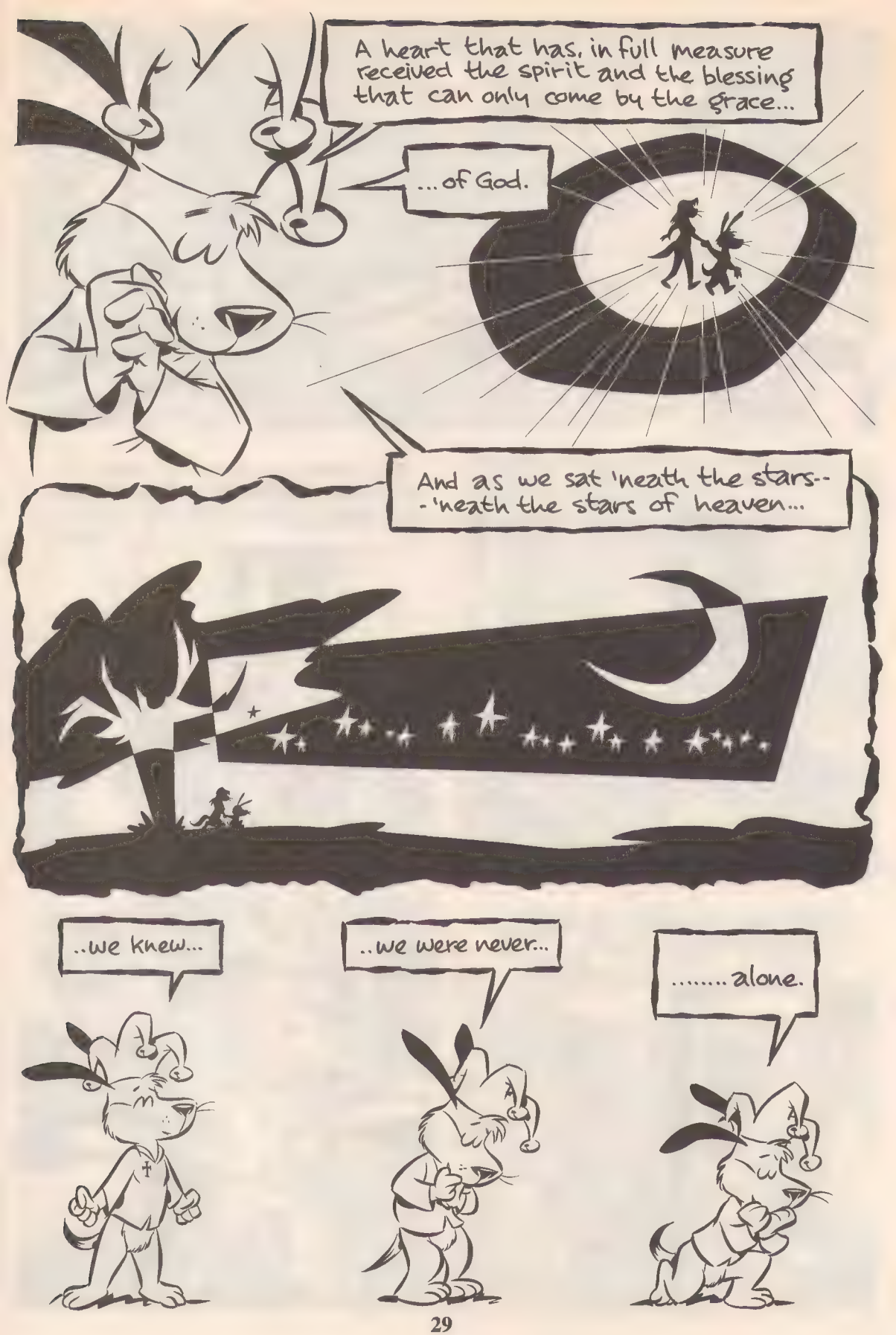

YOU SENT FOR ME, SIRE?
YEAH. DOES THIS BELONG TO YOU?


WHY, YES. I BELIEVE IT DOES...
THEN PUT IT ON AND GET TO WORK! I WANT TO BE ENTERTAINED!

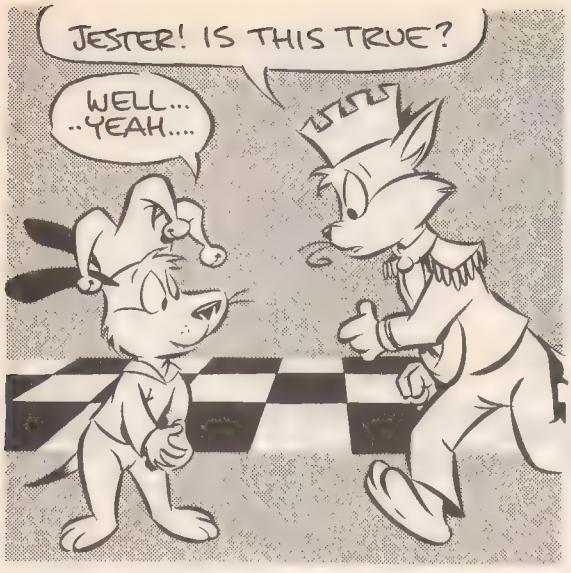
AND I DO NOT WANT THE SAME OLD JOKES, SAVVY?!

AS YOU WISH, SIRE...

I sat last night, thinking-- as though thought were new--
I wondered how I lived my life-- lived my life so alone until now.
I Looked back and saw half a soul--
-half a soul where there is now a whole
Into my life she came, and with her came a joy-- unknown until now.
Together, we are a single loving heart--

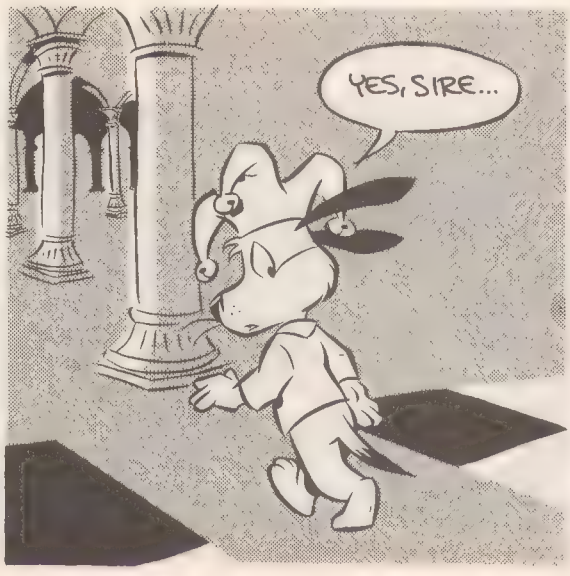

A heart that has, in full measure received the spirit and the blessing that can only come by the grace...
...of God.
And as we sat 'neath the stars--'neath the stars of heaven...
..we knew...
..we were never...
.....alone.

THANK YOU.
THE POOR FELLA'S BLOCK IS CRACKED.... SHOULD I SEND FOR THE MEN WITH THE ROYAL NET?
HE'S NOT CRACKED, SIRE... .. HE'S JUST IN LOVE.
LOVE?
YES, SIRE. HE WAS WITH THE TAVERN LASS LAST NIGHT.


JESTER! IS THIS TRUE?
WELL... ..YEAH....

THEN GET HER AND BRING HER HERE IMMEDIATELY!

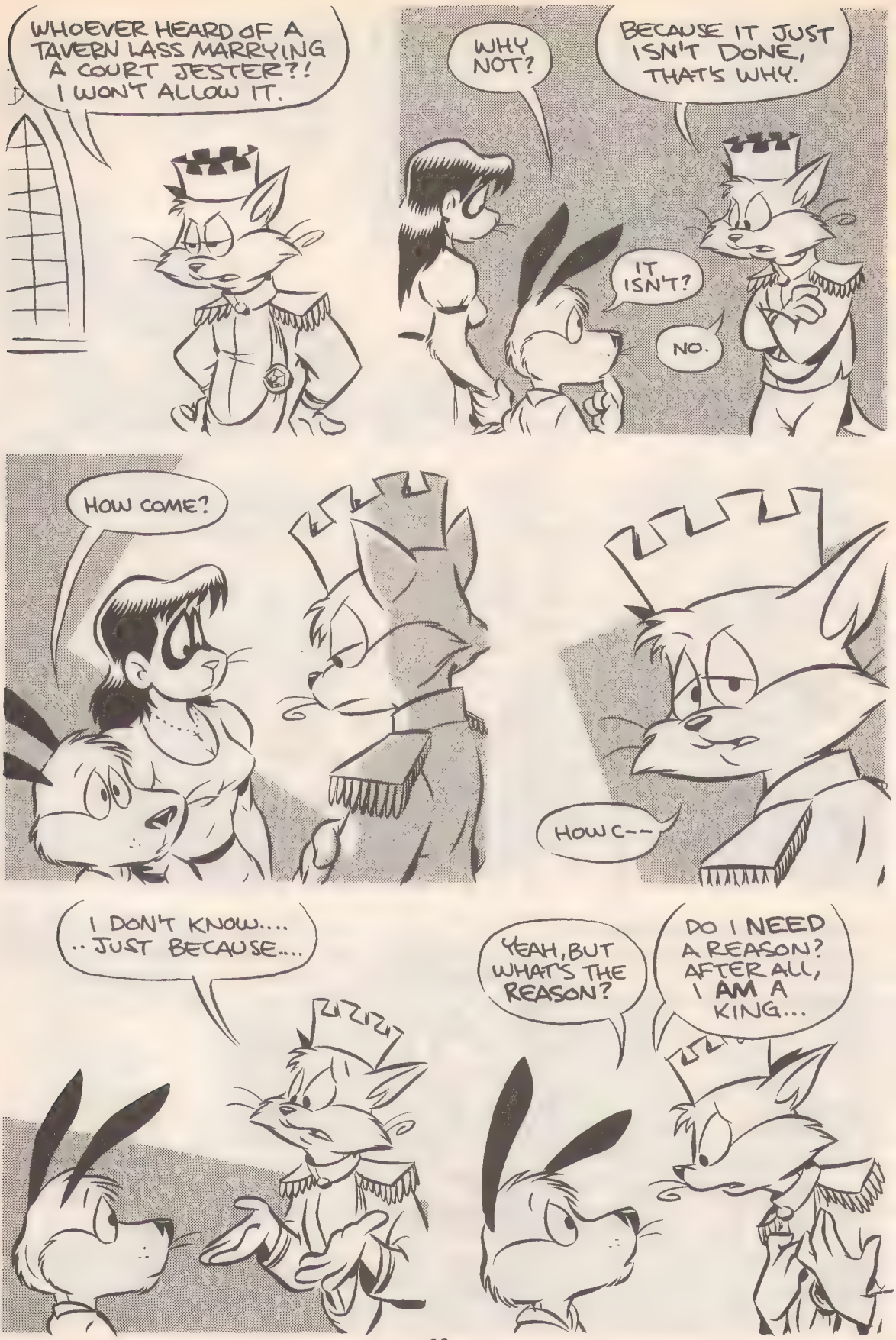
BUT WHY?
LOOK, DON'T ASK ME WHY. JUST DO IT, OKAY? SHEESH!


YES, SIRE...

SO THAT'S HOW HE OBEYS MY ORDERS... LOOKIN' AT WOMEN INSTEAD OF COMIN' UP WITH MY JOKES!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE HIS JOKES...

YOU STAY OUT OF THIS!!!!

HERE WE ARE, SIRE!
SO YOU'RE THE TAVERN LASS... DID YOU KNOW THE JESTER IS IN LOVE WITH YOU?
YES INDEED, YOUR HIGHNESS. I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM, TOO.
IS THAT SO?
YEAH. WE WANT TO GET MARRIED.
YES, WE DO.
AWWWW... ISN'T THAT SWEET?
NO, IT'S NOT SWEET!
YOU CLOD.


WHOEVER HEARD OF A TAVERN LASS MARRYING A COURT JESTER?! I WON'T ALLOW IT.
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE IT JUST ISN'T DONE, THAT'S WHY.
IT ISN'T?
NO.
HOW COME?
HOW C--
I DON'T KNOW.... .. JUST BECAUSE....
YEAH, BUT WHAT'S THE REASON?
DO I NEED A REASON? AFTER ALL, I AM A KING...

WELL, IT'D BE NICE...
YOU WANT A REASON? OKAY! PRIME MINISTER! WHY CAN'T A TAVERN LASS MARRY A COURT JESTER?
AW, THAT'S EASY!
HA! YOU SEE, SMART GUY? I TOLD YOU THERE WAS A RATIONAL EXPLANATION!
SURE! BECAUSE YOU SAID SO, THAT'S WHY!
"BECAUSE I SAID SO!" SEE? SEE?! I TOLD YA! "BECAUSE I SAID SO", I.....
YOU TRYNA MAKE ME LOOK STUPID?!
I'LL FIND A REASON, DON'T YOU WORRY!
I'LL FIND IT IF I HAFTA ASK EVERYBODY IN THE KINGDOM!
AND I'LL DO IT, TOO!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
HIS MAJESTY KING JACK THE JOVIAL OFFERS A REWARD OF £100 IN GOLD TO ANYONE WHO HAS A REASON WHY A TAVERN LASS AND A COURT JESTER CANNOT BE WED!
This has been a paid announcement.
BLANG, DONG!
Reward!
HIS MAJESTY JACK THE JOVIAL SAYS BLA BLA BLA BLATHER BABBLE RANT RAVE ETC. BLA BLA BLA AND SO ON AND SO FORTH FOREVER AND IN PERPETUITY
£100 IN GOLD!
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BLABLA BLA BLABLA A CABBAGE IS A VE GETABLE BLA A PRUNE ISNOT A VEGETABLE SOME PEOPLE DON'T GO FOR PRUNES !!

£100 IN GO

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WHAT CAN I SAY. WHAT CAN A PERSON LIKE MYSELF SAY TO A VEGETABLE? BUT THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE MY FRIENDS.

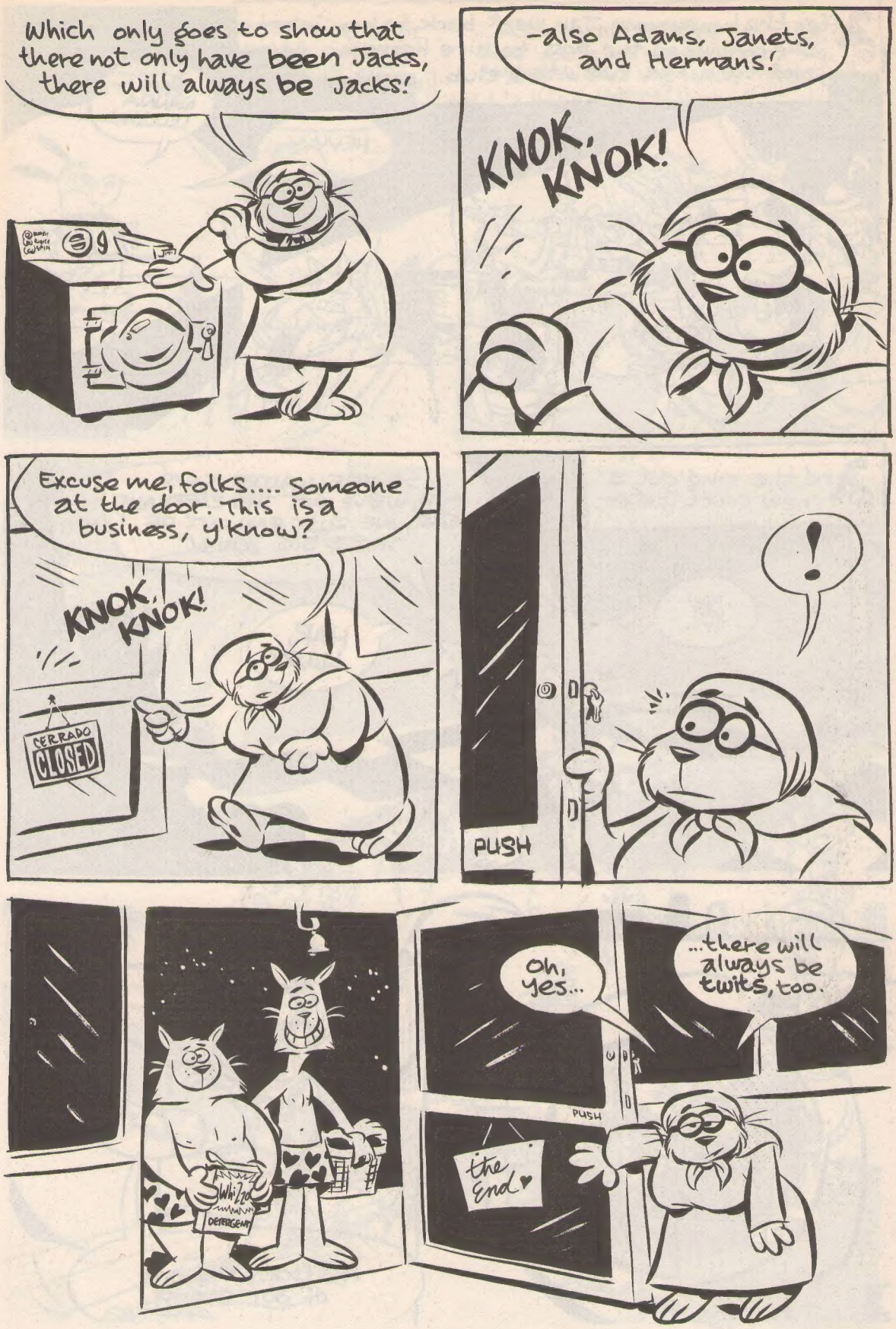
£100 IN GOLD!

GREY-OLA CRAYONS

THIS IS IT, GROUP! THE DAY OF RECKONING!
REASON BOX
MY MANY LOYAL SUBJECTS HAVE WORKED ALL WEEK COMING UP WITH REASONS. YOU'LL SEE YOUR KING ISN'T SUCH A DUMMY!
SIRE?
REASON BOX
SIRE? THERE WAS ONLY ONE IN THE BOX AND IT'S WRITTEN IN CRAYON...
ONE?!
WELL, I GUESS ONE IS ALL WE NEED! NOW READ IT TO US, GOOD AND LOUD!

IT SAYS, AND I QUOTE: "WE DON'T THINK THEM GUYS SHOULD OUGHTA GET MARRIED ON ACCOUNT OF WE DON'T LIKE THEM VERY MUCH..."
"...ALSO ON ACCOUNT OF YOU IS KING AND YOU SAID SO, SO IT SO. SO ANYWAY. CAN WE HAVE THE GOLD NOW?"
And so they were Married..

After the honeymoon, Jan went back to her job. She convinced the boss to hire Herman and turn the Pub into a club.
...HEYYYY.....
...BUT I WANNA TELLYA!
And the king got a new court jester.
....SO THE WAITER SAYS, "OH, WE'VE GOT THE ELEPHANT EAR, WE JUST RAN OUT OF THOSE BIG BUNS!"
..NOW GET THIS...
HAR, HAR!
CLAP CLAP
-And that's the end of our story.


Which only goes to show that there not only have been Jacks, there will always be Jacks!
-also Adams, Janets, and Hermans!
KNOK, KNOK!
Excuse me, folks.... Someone at the door. This is a business, y'know?
KNOK, KNOK!
CERRADO
CLOSED
!
PUSH
Oh, yes...
...there will always be twits, too.
PUSH
the End
DETERGENT

Dave Hodson's

WALKING Wounded

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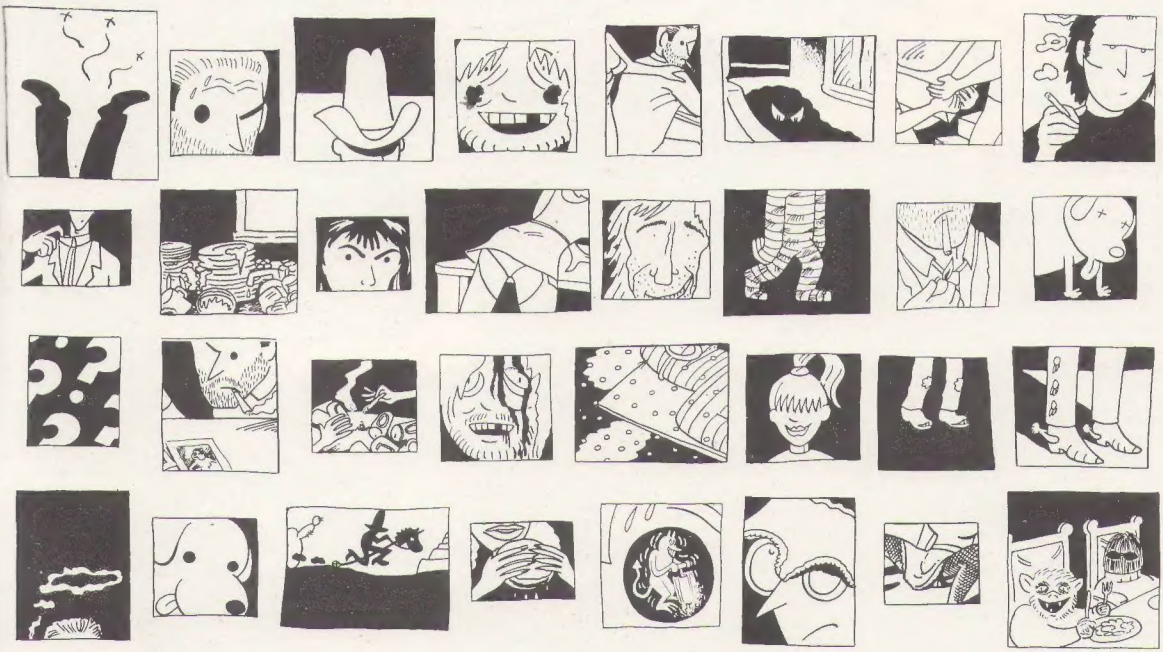
LIFE LOVE & LOSERDOM



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